



DoD Awards \$19 Million For Science and Engineering Research

Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Science and Technology), Delores Etter announced today Department of Defense (DoD) plans to award \$19 million at 32 academic institutions in 18 states, including Puerto Rico, to perform research in science and engineering fields important to national defense. Sixty-seven projects were competitively selected under the fiscal year 1999 Defense Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (DEPSCoR). The DEPSCoR is to expand research opportunities in states that have traditionally received the least funding in federal support for university research. The average award will be approximately \$284,000.

University professors in Alabama, Arkansas, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Vermont, West Virginia, Wyoming, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico were eligible to submit proposals under this competition.

The Air Force Office of Scientific Research, the Army Research Office, the Office of Naval Research, and the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization (Science and Technology Directorate) solicited proposals utilizing a defense-wide Broad Agency Announcement (BAA). The DEPSCoR BAA was published on the Internet and accessed by the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research State Committees, which solicited and selected projects for their states' proposals. In response, 19 proposals consisting of 244 projects were submitted requesting more than \$77 million.

Editor's Note: This information is in the public domain. For a list of FY99 selected projects, see Jan. 21 OASD Public Affairs News Releases at <http://www.defenselink.mil/news> on the Internet.